

TWO LETTERS

Discovering the
Designs of the Late KING *JAMES* in *Ireland*.

WRITTEN

From a Person of Quality to a Noble Peer sitting in the
HOUSE of LORDS.

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My Lord,

YOU are pleased to lay your Commands upon me, that now and then I should trouble you with a Letter; nothing can be more forcible on me than your Lordship's Orders, which I shall for ever think my self obliged to obey as often as opportunity presents; and indeed, my Lord, I think the occasion of this is none of the least considerable; 'tis to give your Lordship an account of a Discourse that lately happened between my Lord *Brittas* and Mr. *Foleys*, the Minister, one whom I am sure your Lordship knows to be a person of Ingenuity, Learning, and Integrity.

My Lord *Brittas* is one of those that attended the late King *James* into *Ireland* from *France*; Mr. *Foley* is by his Wife related to my Lord *Brittas*; soon after my Lord's Arrival in *Ireland*, Mr. *Foley* (who was then there, but is very lately come to this City) waited on him, and amongst other Discourse told his Lordship, that he hoped, now the King was come amongst them, that His Majesty would prevent those grievous Disorders, and some barbarous Inhumanities that had lately been committed in *Ireland* to the poor Protestants there; for that this mercifull course of Clemency and Lenity to the Protestants of *Ireland* would procure His Majesty a considerable interest in the Hearts and Affections of his Protestant Subjects in *England*, by whose means he must expect to be restored, if ever he regained his Crowns. My Lord *Brittas* returned this Answer, Cousin *Foley*, His Majesty is naturally mercifull and compassionate, and therefore will as much as he can prevent all Injuries to any of his Subjects; but I can assure you, not out of the design that you mention, of gaining the Affection of his Protestants in *England*, and by them of obtaining his Crown; no, he is wiser than so, ever to trust them; and both his Majesty and all his Catholick Subjects had rather he should hazard the Loss of all his Crowns, than come in by their means; for we know well enough the conditions they would propose to him would be such, that he could not,

nor should he keep them; he designs to regain his Thrones by down right force of the Arms of his Catholick Subjects, and by assistance from France, and then he will be free from those Fetters and Chains wherewith his rebellious Protestants would bind him, and may doe what he please.

This, my Lord, I had from Mr. Foley's own Mouth, so that 'tis unquestionable, and my Lord Brittas being one of the best scent amongst them, we may thereby find what their Design is; 'tis now visibly, no Papist, or no Protestant; and if at this juncture we fall a quarrelling at home amongst our selves, I think we are an infatuated Nation, and designed for Ruine, Destruction, and Desolation: God grant to your great Council Wisdom and Unity, for otherwise the Nation is lost.

But above all, my Lord, in my poor Judgment, it were expedition that the *Militia* should be speedily regulated, and the Country put into a posture of Defence.

Your Lordship may make the best use you can of the forementioned Story, by communicating it to those you think fit, only be pleased not to mention my Name as your Informer.

Your most humble Servant,

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The Extract of another Letter to the said Noble Peer.
By the same Hand.

I *Est Jackson* omit telling your Lordship one material Passage, I thought fit to intimate to you, that upon King James's going down to the North to reduce Londonderry, Mr. d'Arvaux advised him to buy the Officers off, and reduce it that way: We see the French way of besieging Towns is coming in fashion in Ireland too. The late King has sent hundreds of Commissions to raise Men in Scotland. The French King has sent with King James into Ireland Four hundred thousand Crowns, and promised him whatever supplies he shall want, provided he expend it as he shall direct; and therefore the French King has sent a Treasurer, along with King James, to see that the Money be disbursed according to his Order. This I have from an undoubted hand.

Chester,
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